

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** ABAC

**Date:** June 21, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:30 PM

**Attendees:** Executive board members: Christopher Tonkin, Jack Johnson, Doug Greenfield, Ron Sender, Phil Goff, Elizabeth Shea, Scott Smith  
Advisory members and other attendees: Nat Strosberg, Rod Holland, Doug Mayo-Wells, Alex Stotik (COBWEB officer), Emily Snyder, Matt Larrabee, Kim Downey

### Meeting Minutes

- Amended April 19, 2017 ABAC meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- May 17, 2017 ABAC meeting were amended by Ron and approved unanimously.

### ABAC Motions Passed

**Motion proposed:** ABAC to sponsor up to \$2500 to front the costs of the t-shirts for the 25th anniversary of the Minuteman Bikeway. The proceeds from t-shirt sales are to cover the cost of the initial loan from ABAC and defray the costs of the celebration.

**ABAC vote:** Unanimous approval.

### Discussions

- **ABAC finances:**
  - Retrieving ABAC funds involves long delays and leaves reimbursements outstanding. Nat will address the issue with appropriate Arlington personnel.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Bikeway Anniversary Committee is in need of a loan to cover the initial costs of commemorative t-shirts, which will be sold at the anniversary event.
    - A motion was made and approved to provide a loan to the anniversary committee (see above).
  - Based on the expenditures for the ABAC annual social (\$450) and donations received (approximately \$110), ABAC has identified a need for an influx of money.
- **Bike counts:**
  - Next count is planned for September.
  - Question was raised regarding whether to attempt to count by gender – topic to be discussed at a future meeting.
- **Bikeshare:** updates from the working group
- **Use of electronic bikes and speed limits on the Minuteman Bikeway:**
  - According to town bylaws, no motorized vehicles allowed on the bikeway; peddle-assist bicycles may fall into a “grey area.” Reckless riding is prohibited.
  - ABAC to revisit the topic of speed limits on the bikeway at a future meeting.
- **Enforcement of traffic laws for cyclists:**
  - 43 written warnings and 4 fines have been issued to cyclist by the Arlington Police in 2017 to date.
  - ABAC requests regular updates from the COBWEB officer

- **TAC:** updates from the committee
- **Arlington Town Center:**
  - Concerns include visibility of lights for cyclists, unclear expectations for cyclists with respect to the HAWK light, cyclists traveling the wrong way on Massachusetts Avenue, potentially problematic positioning of eastbound cycle traffic on Massachusetts Ave (especially respect to right-turn lane).
  - Action items:
    - ABAC to observe car, bike, and pedestrian traffic during a designated time during rush hour (Rod to organize, after signaling is fully operational)
    - Scott to raise the issue of the change of traffic signals on Massachusetts Ave (change from straight-arrow signals to the green ball light).
    - Committee to consider proposing a bike box.
    - Committee to consider a count box to accompany the HAWK light.
- **Art on the bikeway:** positive responses from ABAC attendees
- **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** updates from the committee
- **ABAC annual social:** recap and future planning
  - Consider alternative venues for next year
  - For 2018 theme, consider Richard Fries' recent Boston Globe letter, stating MassBike to shift focus from urban to suburban cycling.
- **Annual bike tour:** recap and future planning
  - May need to increase publicity in the future.
- **Lake Street redesign:** updates from the committee
- **Bike rack map verifying:**
  - Action items for volunteers to verify assigned portions of the map, per Phil's instructions.
- **Arlington Town Day:** Anniversary / rail trail as potential theme
- **Bike repair station:**
  - Installed, but without the pump that was included in the initial plan.
  - Nat to follow up.